

April Fools

Although most N.C.O.'s, Ph.D.'s, J.P.'s
C.P.A.'s, 4F's, D.A.R.'s, M.D.'s
Emcees and V.I.P.'s don't give a shit,
the sunlight this spring morning
has precisely struck a nearby tree
in so exact and such a perfect way
as to stop a speedy firstgrade child
make him think the town's goldfish
have left their bowls to play they are
exactly perfect shining leaves,
to halt some grinfaçed girl in love
and make her stare at how the birds
have brought champagne which they've uncorked
then poured upon the fish or leaves,
themselves, their nests, the tree, the child
the air and everything.

-- Dennis Trudell

 lucerna hall
a speech to people concerned

we gentlemen are
 defined as
a residence center for
 emotionally disturbed youth

though we use of course the term
 advisedly
for we are not
 a hospital
 a ward
 an institution
 if you please

at least not in the usual conotations of that word
for these
you see
 are not really
 sick

indeed about the
best diagnosis
 we can come
 up with is

adjustment reaction to adolesence conduct disturbance
although we
 have some schizoids
 and other
 paranormal types
they will talk to us